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Taylorville, Plumas Co.,

Cal. Apr. 8th, 1876.

Geo. C. Davenport—

Dear Sir,

I have not yet mailed the package I spoke of in my last letter. The condition of the road over the mountains preclude the possibility of any regularity in the arrival or departure of the mails, which still continue to be brought over by men on snow-shoes.

Please accept my sincere thanks for four copies of the Medford Chronicle containing your excellent, instructive and interesting articles on the "Flora of Medford," and also a catalogue of the North American Ferns which you presented to the

Mass. Hort. Society. A Bulletin of
the Toney Botanical Club contained
a notice of this valuable collection
and your generous donation of
it to some to the Hort. Society.

I am, ^{indeed} very grateful to you for a
copy of the Catalogue.

It is with mournful regret, I
learn of the destruction of the Old
Elm on Boston Common. I learn-
ed to love it as a dear and valued
friend and never went to Boston
without paying it a visit. To me
it possessed a wondrous charm
and often when standing beneath
its grand and stately shade
how I wished it endowed with
the power of speech - what "a
tale of the times of old" could it
not have told!

Was the Old Elm ever photo-
graphed? I have some splendid

roots of the silvery Gymno-
gonium for you which I
shall mail you soon as I think
it safe to do so. The package I
shall also send when the roads
become better.

Yours respectfully,
Mary E. Pursh - Jones.